

**ARIZONA HOMELESS EVALUATION PROJECT
PROGRESS REPORT
(Based on clients who have exited the program)**

PROGRAM: Demo Shelter
TYPE: Emergency Shelter
CONTINUUM: MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness
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We have compared characteristics of Demo Shelter clients to clients from other agencies who entered and exited programs during the same time period (October 2005 through March 2006).

DEMOGRAPHICS

	Demo Shelter	Others
<u>Typical age</u>	38.5	33.6
<u>Gender (% Female)</u>	53 %	75 %
<u>Primary race</u>		
White	64 %	62 %
Black	24 %	16 %
Asian	1 %	2 %
Native American	11 %	11 %
Other	0 %	8 %
<u>Hispanic</u>	14 %	21 %
<u>DV clients</u>	26 %	26 %
<u>Extent of homelessness</u>		
First time	40 %	43 %
1-2 times in past	46 %	41 %
Long term	6 %	6 %
Chronic	8 %	10 %

In terms of these demographic variables, Demo clients tend to be mildly older, mildly less likely to be female, and mildly more likely to serve black clients and mildly less likely to serve Hispanic clients. However, overall there are not great differences in the demographic characteristics.

MATRIX SCORES UPON ENTRY

Dysfunction Score	Demo clients moderately less dysfunctional
Independent Life Skills Score	Demo clients mildly greater life skills
Total Self Sufficiency Score	Demo clients mildly less challenging

DEMO CLIENT OUTCOMES (totals may be rounded)

	Expected	Actual	Difference
Dysfunction Scores	1.3	1.6	+0.3
Independent Life Skill Scores	6.9	7.3	+0.4
Overall Self-Sufficiency Scores	8.3	8.8	+0.5

The predictive model determines the most likely change each client would make if they were randomly assigned to a homeless program. This expected change is then compared to the actual change clients make in the program. If the difference is positive this program is performing above expectations and if the difference is negative then the agency is performing below expectations.

Overall Demo shelter is mildly better than other programs in decreasing dysfunction and moderately better in increasing independent life skills and overall self-sufficiency. Demo shelter has its greatest success with homeless individuals recently released from jail/prison. An area of challenge for Demo shelter is the program's difficulty in having significant impact with its female clients.